Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James "Jim" Denis Rounds was born November 15, 1929, the youngest of ten children, to Marion and Mary (Engebos) Rounds, in Iroquois, South Dakota, and was grew up on a farm near Cavour; and,

Whereas, Jim graduated from Cavour High School in 1947, and spent many years farming southeast of Cavour, worked at the Flannery's meat packing plant in Huron, and later joined the General Services Administration (GSA) from which he retired in 1996; and,

Whereas, Jim married Janice Bergerson on October 14, 1950, and to this union, 13 children were born: Mary, Mark, David, Keith, Kent, Ann, Jeff, Janet, Jerry, Richard, Cathy, Brad and Jabe, and their lives were further blessed by 35 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, so far!; and,

Whereas, Jim is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Huron, South Dakota, is admired as a hard working person having little time to himself outside of the responsibilities of working and caring for a large family, however, he did take time to enjoy attending antique tractor shows; and,

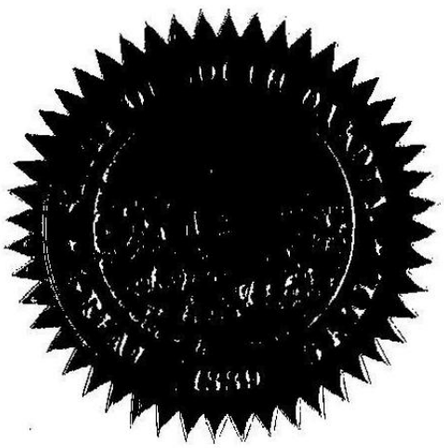
Whereas, Uncle Jim is well known as the owner and operator of the best sweet corn cooker in the Midwest, although sometimes it takes a little extra time to cook; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting and proper as governor of this great state to extend best wishes to Uncle Jim as he celebrates his 80th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family gathers to honor him and celebrate his life on November 15, 2009; and to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate and to recognize him for his many contributions to his family and to this state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2009, as

JIM ROUNDS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State